

REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-12 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Microsoft PowerPoint 2000, referred to as PowerPoint, screenshots pages 1-7. The applicant respectfully traverses this rejection and requests reexamination in view of the amended claims and these remarks.

I. 102 Rejection of Claims 1-12 as being anticipated by PowerPoint

Claim 1 recites a page layout template that includes at least one box having one or more adjustable metrics, wherein the adjustable metrics include a synthesized metric, a synthesized metric being a metric whose value is defined as a function of the size of one or more boxes contained within the at least one box.

PowerPoint shows a slide that includes two boxes with adjustable metrics (page 5). Even if this slide could be considered a page layout template that includes at least one box having an adjustable metric (which is not conceded), this slide fails to include a box metric that is synthesized. As recited in the claim, a synthesized metric is a metric whose value is defined as a function of boxes contained within the at least one box. PowerPoint fails to show that either of the boxes can contain a box, much less have a metric that is defined as a function of the size of the contained box.

For at least this reason, PowerPoint fails to anticipate claim 1. Claims 2-12 contain similar limitations and are allowable for at least this reason.

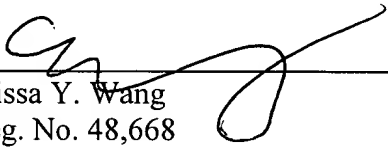
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Applicants respectfully submit that all claims are in condition for allowance. No new matter has been added by way of this amendment. Please apply any charges or credits to deposit account 06-1050.

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